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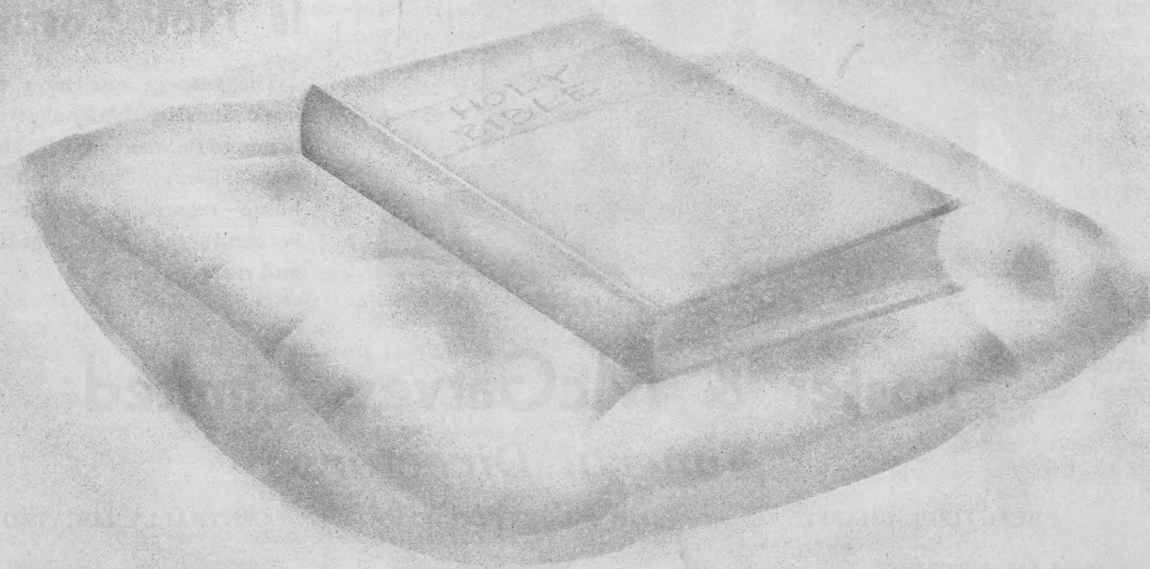
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The Bishop's Page

My dear People,

I want this time to call your attention to a fundamental difference in aim and purpose between public worship as we know it in our Anglican Church and as it is understood in most Protestant churches. The difference is very great and goes a long way to explain the real problems which confront us as we seek to foster the spirit of Christian unity.

Anglican worship, in common with that of the other branches of the Catholic tradition, is "objective" whereas in most Protestant communions the worship is "subjective". These two types of worship can be clearly illustrated in a variety of ways.

Objective worship is directed towards God and away from the congregation. It is something offered or given to God. It is a "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." The belief is held that God is pleased by the acts of adoration and worship of His children and that God is really present when such offerings are made to Him. On the other hand the whole atmosphere of subjective worship is different. It is directed mainly towards the people. It is planned to impress them or to move them or to create in them some feeling. In subjective worship God is thought of as present but no more really present than at any other time or in any other place. He is present so to speak in the minds of those who are thinking about Him.

Some of the differences between these two types are clearly seen in the Church buildings themselves. An Anglican Church in any part of the world, no matter how humble in architectural design, no matter how large or how small is recognizable as a place where God meets with man and not simply a place where people gather together to think about God under the direction of the minister. The very form and furniture of the Churches makes this distinction clear. When we go into some churches we have an immediate sense of something lacking. Involuntarily we look for the Altar. When we do not find it we at once conclude that the building is designed for some other purpose than that for which our churches are designed. It is often described as a preaching centre. For this purpose it is much more suitable than most of our churches. The pulpit is in the centre backed by the choir, all facing the people. It is a place where the word of God is proclaimed. We also have pulpits. The ministry of the word is symbolized by its presence along with that of the lecturn but the ministry of sacramental worship is central with us, whereas it is a very occasional event in many of the other non-Roman churches. The term used to describe the Church emphasizes the difference. It is often and I suppose correctly called an "auditorium".

The same contrast is noticeable in the acts and bearing of the minister. In one case the minister

faces the people and sometimes, even in his prayers, seems to be addressing the congregation. The oft quoted description—"the most eloquent prayer was addressed to a Boston audience" is a caricature, but holds some element of truth. In objective worship the priest never faces the congregation except in the sermon and lessons or in the exhortation. He stands with them towards God—all together offering the same sacrifice. Ideally the priest should get out of the way in a corporate act of worship.

In objective worship the size of the congregation or even whether there be any congregation at all makes no difference to the essential fact that the Church is offering her sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving. Here we come upon an important distinction between these two types of worship. With us, no act of worship is ever regarded as the act merely of those who happen to be present in the church at the time. It is not an act of an isolated congregation of people but an act of the whole church. The words of the Te Deum give us a clue to the nature of every act of Catholic worship:

The Glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise Thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee.

"Seeing then that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses".

Another distinction between the two types is that so-called free worship begins anew every time the congregation assembles. The minister plans it to that end. Extemporaneous utterance is striven for. Novelty and the interest of the congregation is sought. In liturgical worship the whole emphasis is upon continuity. We offer the same service which has been offered for thousands of years. The Church at worship is the living body of Christ, the fulfilment of His divine promise "when two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

The restoration of the objective type of public worship in many protestant churches is one of the signs that the spirit of God is drawing the churches closer together. We on our part very much need a revival of the prophetic ministry which is such a strength to the life and work of the other non-Roman churches with whom we are working in the World Council of Churches.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schumm



DIOCESAN NEWS



DIOCESAN NOTES BY THE BISHOP

The Reverend H. G. Brant

Mr. Brant has been given leave of absence in order to complete preparation for the final examinations for the degree of Bachelor in Divinity. He is at present studying at Emmanuel College, Saskatoon but will return to help the Dean at Easter. We wish him success in his work.

Ordinations

The Reverend William Brooks will return from St. John's College in May. After his ordination to the Priesthood, he is to be appointed incumbent of Sedgewick (Killam and Hardisty). We bid Mr and Mrs. Brooks a warm welcome to the staff of the diocese.

Mr. Howard Buchner will complete his Theological course at Trinity, College, Toronto and after a short retreat at Bracebridge, in preparation for ordination, will be ordained in the Cathedral on Sunday morning, May 11th. Mr. Buchner is to be appointed as assistant to the Dean.

The Reverend W. D. Ellway

The Reverend W. D. Ellway, Mrs. Ellway and two young children, will sail for Canada on April 4th. Mr. Ellway is to be appointed to the parish of Edgerton on his arrival. We look forward to their coming to strengthen the staff and to take over a parish which has been vacant for a long time now. Mr. Ellway was commended to me by my commissary, the Reverend Canon H. G. G. Herklotz.

Clergy Conference— June 15th to 19th

I have arranged a clergy conference for the week of June 15th.

The Reverend Gilbert Williams of England, a well known expert in modern methods of evangelism will give a course of lectures to the Clergy and lead discussions on this vital subject. I am glad that the services of Mr. Williams are available at this time in our Anglican Advance programme.

Induction of the Reverend F. E. Smith, Wainwright

I went to Wainwright for the induction of the Reverend F. E. Smith, newly

appointed Rector of the parish. The Reverend Canon Crane-Williams accompanied me and preached the sermon at the induction service.

It is most gratifying to observe the way in which the people have received Mr. Smith and how enthusiastically they are responding to his leadership. The newly formed choir of young people is a notable feature of the development in the parish.

The whole diocese will want to extend, through the "Churchman" sincere greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family as they set out upon their ministry in Wainwright.

The Venerable S. F. and Mrs. Tackaberry

The Venerable and Mrs. Tackaberry have set out on their holiday. The first letter from them was from Idaho Falls. Apparently both are enjoying the experience of freedom and rest. Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

Thanks!

Archdeacon Tackaberry wishes to convey his best thanks to all who shared in the generous gift recently handed to him by the Bishop. It has given him the greatest pleasure to receive this evidence of the kindly spirit in the Church. The gift itself will ensure a more care-free and effective holiday.

Apportionment and Transportation

In order that Apportionments for the first quarter of 1947 may be in Toronto before the DEADLINE payments should be in the Synod Office by April 5th.

Payments to the Transportation Fund should also be made promptly each month in order that Clergy in rural parishes may receive payment for gas and oil expenses.

First W.A. President in Edmonton Passes

The death occurred on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, at Victoria, B.C., of Mrs. Emily C. Wilson, widow of Dr. Herbert Charles Wilson, first Speaker of the North West Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Wilson arrived in Edmonton by steamboat in the early 1880's, and her husband was one of the earliest medical practitioners in Edmonton. The chair from which he was speaker in the territories at Regina was presented to the Alberta Government by Mrs. Wilson in 1945.

Mrs. Wilson had the distinction of being the first President of a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary north of Calgary. She was chosen as President of the All Saints', Edmonton, branch in 1905. She was also active in the I.O.D.E. Westward Ho Chapter.

The funeral service was conducted by the Dean of Edmonton on Feb. 28th, and interment took place in the family plot in Edmonton.

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Just a note to remind you of the dates of the various camps planned for this summer.

Junior Camp One: July 3rd (Thursday) to July 11th (Friday).

Junior Camp Two: July 13th (Sunday) to July 21st (Monday).

Leadership Camp: July 22nd (Tuesday) to August 1st (Friday).

Senior Girl's Camp: August 5th (Tuesday) to August 15th (Friday).

Senior Boys' Camp: August 17th (Sunday) to August 27th (Wednesday).

Fees will likely be a dollar a day for all the camps, with a dollar registration for the Leadership Camp, and the Senior Camp, and the Senior Boys' and Girls' Camps. Look for further details of all camps in the next issue of this publication.

BIRTH

To the Rev. F. A. and Mrs. Peake, a son, John Maurice Clennett, born on March 21st, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton. Congratulations!

CALENDAR APRIL, 1947

- 1—Tuesday before Easter.
- 2—Wednesday before Easter.
- 3—Thursday before Easter.
- 4—GOOD FRIDAY.
- 5—Easter Even.
- 6—EASTER DAY.
- 7—Monday in Easter Week.
- 8—Tuesday in Easter Week.
- 13—1 SUNDAY AFTER WEEK.
- 20—2 SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 23—St. George, M., Circa 303.
- 25—St. Mark E. & M.
- 27—3 SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Copies of the group photograph taken at the 1947 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton are available at one dollar per copy. Orders accompanied by remittance should be sent to: R. T. WILLIAMS, Business Manager, "The Edmonton Churchman."

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Saint Andrew was called, and he fetched another,
Whose name was Saint Peter, a fisherman brother;
Saint James and Saint John were good men and true;
They also were brothers, and fishermen, too.

The other Apostles were in no wise related,
Though Saints Philip and James in the Prayer Book are mated;
So also two others in the same way are viewed,
Their names are quite simple—Saints Simon and Jude.

Who wrote the first Gospel? Saint Matthew. And who Said the story that
Jesus had risen was not true? Saint Thomas the doubter;
And now, let me see—
Who was it stood under the shady fig tree?

He is called by two names, but the one we should learn
Is Bartholomew, Saint;
And now, let us turn
To the last who was chosen in Judas' place,
Saint Matthias was he, by God's holy grace.

Active Churchman Retires to Coast



Mr. A. C. Taylor

Mr. A. C. Taylor, Lay Reader and Church Warden at St. Luke's Church, and Mrs. Taylor left recently to take up residence at Vancouver.

Mr. Taylor has a long and distinguished record of service in the Church in this Diocese, and for many years was an enthusiastic Sunday School worker and President of the Sunday School Teachers' Association. He was also an active member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese, the Council for Social Service, the D.B.R.E. and numerous Diocesan Committees. He will be particularly remembered in his own parish of St. Luke's, Edmonton, for his many years of loyal service as Honorary Lay Reader, Church Warden, and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mrs. Taylor has also a fine record of devoted service in the Church and the Woman's Auxiliary, of which she was a Life Member. We wish them every joy and blessing in their retirement.

WATCH YOUR WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.
A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

—THE BIBLE FRIEND.

? Question Box ?

What is Maundy Thursday?

The Thursday before Good Friday is known as Maundy Thursday from the Latin words "dies mandati," day of command, because on that day was instituted the Lord's Supper, or because He gave "the new Commandment" of John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another . . ."

The Germans call it "Green Thursday" and others refer to it as "High Thursday."

What Was the Origin and Nature of the Passover Supper?

The Jews named this festival the Feast of the Passover, as a perpetual memorial of the occasion in the history of their nation when on the night before the Exodus from Egypt the Angel of Death passed over the houses of the Hebrews. Unleavened bread was ordered to be eaten because their fathers could not wait for the bread to rise. It commemorated Israel's great deliverance from Egypt.

The Pascal Supper consisted of a lamb, selected on the tenth of Nisan and killed in the temple on the afternoon of the 14th; unleavened bread; bitter herbs, in remembrance of the bitterness of their father's sufferings; and wine. The Passover supper was a full meal, not simply a ceremonial eating as in our Lord's Supper. Yet it was a strictly religious sacramental meal, interspersed with prayer and various ceremonies, and eaten according to a strict ritual.

Was Crucifixion a Common Punishment Among the Jews

The Jews never crucified any one. Their mode of inflicting death was by stoning. The Cross was the most disgraceful and one of the most awful instruments of torture among the Romans. A Roman citizen was therefore not allowed to be crucified; only slaves and foreigners.

The Power of His Resurrection

An Easter Sermon by the REV. C. E. F. WOLFF

TEXT: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God." Colossians III 1. (Av.)

Holy Scripture teaches us that we are to consider the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord in at least three ways.

First of all, it was an historical event that took place as part of God's plan for the salvation of mankind, and established once and for all the fact of the Divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. The Resurrection confirms the faith of the Christian in the person of Christ as it is testified to by St. Paul at the beginning of his epistle to the Romans: "Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the Resurrection from the dead." This historical fact witnesses to the truth of Christ's teaching and is an assurance that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself."

Secondly, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, accompanied by His many public appearances, and clinched by the great Miracle of Pentecost, is our argument for, and our guarantee and assurance of our own personal immortality. "Because I live, ye shall live also." To which St. Peter adds his great testimony: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God."

Thirdly, and most important for the purpose of this study, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a sign of the great heights of achievement to which we may aspire—even as our text says "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God."

The Resurrection of Christ was not only a mighty work of God, who would not suffer His Holy One to see corruption.

It was the means by which the power of the Eternal God was offered to man that he might be converted and live; that he might change his life and revolutionize his manners.

On this Easter Day, the Queen of Seasons bright, this Day of Splendour, we celebrate the Victory of the Son of Man over sin and death. "Christ is risen," we cry, and these very words send forth a ringing challenge that we have to meet. We have to show forth in our daily life all that the Death and Resurrection of our Lord mean to us, and enable and empower us to do. The disciples met and accepted the challenge and they went forth to conquer the world, changed and transformed from weakness to strength through the power of His Resurrection.

This same limitless power which raised the crucified, dead and buried, Jesus from the grave to seat Him on the right hand of God above, "all rule, all authority and power;" this same power, as wide and all-embracing as God Himself, which worked such a marvellous transformation in the life and character of the Disciples; this Power has been freely given to us that we may raise ourselves from the sins of our dead past to serve the living God.

And yet, in spite of our assurance of the presence of this all-conquering Power, able and willing to work so much within us, how little vitality is there in our Christian life. We have allowed injustice, error, impurity and enmity to despoil our social relationships; we have tolerated the fouling of our minds in divers ways; we have not tried to eradicate ambition and jealousy from our life; we have allowed fear and pride to rule our hearts; we have so often compromised our cherished beliefs and chosen the way of expediency and convenience. We have forgotten that there had to be a "Good Friday" before there could be an "Easter Day" and that we must first take up our cross before we can join fully in the Easter Alleluias!

But in the wonderful light of the early dawn of the first Easter Day there is a ray of hope for us all. Jesus has shown what may be achieved in beating down temptation, in scorning danger and being true to principles. At this Eastertide, once again, He offers to raise us up from the

life of sin into the life of righteousness, if we will only seek those things that are above—that newness of life, where He is seated, enthroned on the right hand of the Father.



Broadcasting

April 6—All Saints'-----CJCA
13—Holy Trinity-----CFRN
20—Christ Church-----CJCA
May 4—All Saints'-----CJCA

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What great sacrament was instituted the night before the Crucifixion?
2. Who betrayed his friend with a kiss?
3. Who denied his Lord three times?
4. Who said, "What is truth?"
5. Who was compelled to carry Jesus' Cross?
6. How many thieves were crucified with Jesus?
7. How many hours was Jesus on the Cross?
8. How was the tomb of Jesus sealed?
9. What great event do we celebrate at Easter?
10. Where were the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them after his Resurrection?

(Answers on page 22)

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Woman's Auxiliary



The President's Address at the February Diocesan W. A. Meeting

(Printed by request of the Board)

"The adventure of working together" from the book entitled "The Bomb over America" is a phrase that might suggest the proper functioning of the Woman's Auxiliary.

This working together begins in the branch, extends to the diocese, to the dominion, and into the furthest mission field. Working together on what plane? Is it possible that every branch in this diocese, from the large Cathedral membership to that little 2 member branch at Heisler works on the high plane of personal devotion to the work of the church in extending the Kingdom at home, and, at the same time, abroad? Or could it be on the low plane of ways and means of carrying out our so-called obligations? Each one of us must answer these two questions from her own experience of her branch's work during the past year.

Two things are necessary for success, —information and prayerful service. When the necessity for constant information concerning the advancing work of our church and of our own society as a very excellent part of the church's work, together with the necessity of prayerful service, seizes the imagination of a branch, then success just naturally follows.

These may be just so many words but what I want to emphasize is, that it is the individual member's personal devotion to the great Christian Cause compelling her to honest service in her group, that makes a W.A. branch worth while. Personal devotion creates humility. Humility prevents us from becoming opinionated. When, in my branch, I refrain from pushing forward my own opinions, but, rather, am willing to pool mine with all the other opinions and bring them out into the light of day, which is really the light of God's presence —then my W.A. is a very, very happy group. And I can truly say this of the branch to which I belong. May your experience be the same!

What I would like to call the central group in the diocese is the Diocesan

Executive composed of 25 members. These members make it their duty to try to attend all meetings held during the year. Each has her bit of special work—it may be writing minutes, writing letters, counting money, dressing Indian girls, leading the youth, all the way down to the work of the last members on the nomination slip. There could easily be chaos at meetings. Not so! For each one of us knows that one part dove-tails with the other to carry through the whole scheme of W.A. endeavour. To all these officers I offer, on your behalf, our deep appreciation of their leadership and of their love during the year.

This year has ended on a triumphant note, or shall I say two notes? That may be wrong musically but thinking in terms of our striving to find candidates and a Regional Girls' worker, I must say two notes. At the Fall meeting in 1944 I begged you to keep thinking of and desiring to find a candidate for training—just one of the fifty which the Dominion Board pledged itself to obtain in the space of five years as our Thank-offering for peace. And the answer came sooner than we dared to hope. At this moment there are two candidates at the Anglican Women's Training College in Toronto, in the persons of Miss Eva Scott of All Saints' Young Women's Branch, and Miss Margaret Cording once of Blue Ridge, and latterly of the Army Services. And the Girls' worker, Miss Arva Stewart, is not only our guest but our co-worker at this Annual.

Is this a triumph? The answer comes from all who have followed these dreams during the past months. Dreams, it is proved, can come true.

Perhaps, before writing any part of this story, I should have directed your attention outside the diocese and offered congratulations to our Dominion President, Mrs. R. E. Wodehouse, and expressed our thankfulness that she was chosen to be the first woman delegate to General Synod. This is an honour to our society.

And, earlier in the year, the diocese of Nova Scotia admitted several members to a place of membership in their Diocesan synod. And across the line, our

sister church, the Episcopal Church of the United States, admitted women to their highest council. Could it be that 1946 has seen the beginnings of recognition of women's work in the Church? And yet there is always a minor note. For even though 1947 is but begun, already I have heard of one clergyman disclaiming against W.A. members on his vestry.

Now and here I must challenge you and through you, each member who cannot hear me speak, to a very pressing need in every parish in this diocese. There are women not working with us in this great adventure. War brides have come amongst us. It is our task to win them to our organization. They will understand its national significance if each one of us understands the place our W.A. occupies in the church's life. Young matrons and business and professional girls are in our midst. They must be attracted to our way of serving. Women of mature age are with us in every parish. Their children are grown up and it may be, away from the parental roof. Such mothers are lonely and they are free. Our love for Christ must constrain them to help us do His work. Teen-agers and Junior girls and boys grace many homes. Why not let our torch light their's now!

We are not a true W.A. branch unless we heed such calls. We are not faithful to our trust if we leave this campaigning to the other person. There was once a saying "Go out into the hedges and by-ways and compel them to come in."

I would that some word I might say at this Annual would quicken each one of us to meet this present challenge!

So far I have covered three points—candidates, Girls' worker and the need for increased membership. The fourth has been clamouring for expression. As we meet here at this Annual we are sadly aware of the supreme sacrifice which the rigours of a long war have compelled Bishop Sasaki, once Bishop of Mid-Japan, to make. Our men and women must re-enter Japan and others must join them in greater numbers if the Japanese people are to receive a Faith. Our part is to prepare ourselves during the months that lie ahead to do our

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D B.R.E. Sunday School Dramatics

The Sixth Annual Event took place in All Saints' Parish Hall, on Friday, March 14th. The evening was opened by Bishop Barfoot, who expressed his pleasure in this department of the Sunday Schools' activity. After the singing of the hymn, "Come Sing With Holy Gladness," the first play of the series, which was entitled, "The Mark of a Christian" was presented by St. John's pupils. "Fairness to Others," was illustrated in the story of Abraham and Lot. Sarah came in and told Abraham of the beautiful country she had seen that day, and expressed her delight at the prospect of living in such a fair land. She sought to have her husband assure her that it would indeed be their home, but he reminds her that he had promised Lot first choice. Lot and his men overheard her report, and went to investigate for themselves, and on their return asked that Sarah's hope for land be theirs. Abraham agreed, even though Sarah was very much disappointed, and reminded her that it was only fair to have it that way, for that had been the agreement. Then God spoke to Abraham, reassuring him of His promise.

"Consciousness of God's Presence," was illustrated from the story of Moses at the burning bush, by St. Peter's. At one side of the stage a Girls' Auxiliary welcomed a new member, and spoke of the things the G.A. does. This brought up a discussion of the sending of missionaries to people who have no consciousness of the Heavenly Father, who was known long ago to the Hebrew people, seen particularly in the events of Moses' life, and notably for him, at the burning bush. This was dramatized at the other side of the stage from the G.A. group, together with the Israelites being led by the cloud of smoke and the pillar of fire, and the gathering of the manna.

"Courage," as in the character of Joshua, was dramatized by the Good Shepherd School. Joshua was seen speaking to the army. He presented his plan and assured them that God would by that means deliver the city into their hands. The march about the city was very well done, and the walls fell down, in a most convincing manner. There was a prologue to this act, from the book of Joshua, and an Epilogue, which completed the dramatization.

At this point in the program, the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," was sung, and then the quality of "Forgiveness" was illustrated from the story of David and Saul. It was done by a class from All Saints'. David and two soldiers discuss their plight as hunted persons in the desert at the hands of Saul. Abigail came in and was welcomed by David, and shortly after, Jonathan came in. The two men discuss the condition of the King, and in the middle of it are hurried off by the warning that Saul and his men are in the vicinity. The King was angry at having missed David again, but later, at the camp fire in conversation with Abner, expressed the thought that God kept David from him. When they fell asleep, there entered David and his men, who although prepared to kill Saul and his men, were refrained from so doing by David, who did not forget that the King was anointed by the appointment of God. Saul's contrition at David's mercy was well portrayed and the mutual forgiveness of wrongs, was well portrayed.

"Kindness," was the theme for the St. Luke's group, and it was based upon the thought that Jeremiah's friends had for him in a time of trouble. In the first part, the prophet was seen proclaiming the unhappy message that it was his lot to give. Then two men were seen, anxious to convince the king that Jeremiah ought to be killed, or put out of the way, where his disagreeable messages could not be heard. To this the king agreed, and the prophet was cast into prison. Then an Ethiopian appealed to the king, that he and his friends be permitted to lift Jeremiah out of the prison and take care of him, or else he would be dead in a short time. To this appeal the sovereign acceded, and by his mercy enabled the kind thought of Jeremiah's friends to be of help to him.

With the conclusion of this scene, those present then sang the hymn, "O Jesus I Have Promised," and then followed the two closing acts of the program. The first of these was presented by the Fort Saskatchewan pupils, on "Faithfulness," taken from the story of the life of Hosea. He and his family were presented in the foreground, with a class in the background, who were having

the story as the lesson of the day. Hosea is seen seeking to have his wife stay at home with him and his family, with the blessings of affection and provision that were there for her. However she expressed her delight in the joys of different company, in a large city. In the second scene, the prayers of the family are offered for her, and the conversation demonstrated how much they all missed her and desired her return. Their faithfulness in the power of God to effect the mother's return is rewarded by her abandonment of the things that had taken her away, and her permanent return to the bosom of her family. In the closing scene, Hosea read and recited from the Scripture, of God's promise to Abraham, and his faithfulness in respect of them, and so to the application of that faithfulness in the life of the Israelites, and in that of Hosea.

"The Right Use of Gifts," as in the parable of the Pounds, was presented by Christ Church pupils, in tableaux form, with a reader. The nobleman and his servants were well portrayed, and in particular the return of the nobleman, and his reception and reward of each according to his merits, was brought out in a commendable manner. However humble the talent, or gift, it was to be considered a trust as great as any other, and to be cherished and developed accordingly. The narrator introduced the story, and read it all through with good timing for the actors, and read it through to a conclusion in a most satisfactory manner.

The evening concluded with the singing of the hymn, "The Wise May Bring Their Learning." An offering was received to defray expenses, and the Bishop then pronounced the Benediction.

In all the presentations there was evident care in preparing the boys and girls for the occasion. Each year there is an improvement in this event, and in every way. Background effects were very good; costumes are a credit to the players and those who help provide them. Particularly commendable is the effort put into the script and there are some good writers among our people. The youngsters' voices as a rule come over to the audience much better than used to be the case, and this is particularly true of those who have had the benefit of a little experience in this matter.

There was a good representation of the adult members of the Church in the audience,

The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land

By THE REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

III

Nearly seventy-two years have passed since the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land came into being, owing to the division of the original Diocese of that name, and it is interesting to examine both its achievements and its difficulties over this period. Some of its problems have been a legacy from circumstances which existed before it was formed and even go back to the days before the Diocese of Rupert's Land was established.

Achievements are things of a positive nature, and the Provincial Synod has a fine record in this respect, its accomplishments reflecting at every stage the progressive attitude of the Canadian West and the far-seeing outlook of the members of the Church of England. The second Provincial Synod, which met in 1879, only held a short session, chiefly to ratify the work of the first. The Metropolitan announced that the Archbishop of Canterbury (Tait), as Primate of the Province, had given his full approval to the Acts of the first Provincial Synod. Notice of the formation of the Ecclesiastical Province had been sent to all the archbishops, the Primus of Scotland, all metropolitans in the Colonies, and the presiding bishop of the American Church. The Province of Rupert's Land had now been recognized throughout the whole Church, and Bishop Machray said that he had been placed beside the other Metropolitans at the Lambeth Conference by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This recognition of the Province as such by the whole Church still stands and is a matter of importance. Actually, a province is of more importance in the view of the whole Church than a general synod, and it is worthwhile noting that our General Synod really exercises its powers through the consent of our Provincial Synods, which have suspended the exercise of certain of their rights and privileges so that General Synod may use them for the benefit of the whole Church.

The Synod of 1883 re-arranged the boundaries of the dioceses, both old and new, to correspond with the lines ruled on the map of Canada by the civil authorities earlier in the year. It was about this time that the idea was first canvassed of making provincial ecclesiastical boundaries correspond with provincial civil boundaries.

This idea was to be discussed across Canada for ten years and at times promoted rather acute differences of opinion amongst churchman. With the formation of General Synod, however, the idea faded away, though at a much later date (1912) the greater part of Ontario was formed into a provincial synod on its own account. In 1883, however, the immediate issue was avoided and the Diocese of Qu'Appelle was successfully formed, as well as agreement upon the division of the Diocese of Athabasca concluded.

The Provincial Synod of 1887 was notable not only by the fact that nine bishops were then in Winnipeg—five out of six bishops of the province; Bishop Thorold of Rochester, England; Bishop Baldwin of Huron; Bishop Whipple of Minnesota and Bishop Walker of North Dakota—and the Reverend F. E. Wigram, Hon. Sec. of the C.M.S., who preached the sermon at the opening service of Synod, but it saw the launching of two great movements, the benefit of which is even more apparent today than it was then. This Synod agreed to the formation of the Diocese of Calgary, and also the first discussions in the West took place regarding the unifying of the Church by the formation of a General Synod. The second of these was the subject of a special meeting of the Provincial Synod in August, 1890, immediately previous to the meeting of the well-known Winnipeg Conference on the 15th and 16th of that month.

The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land was always whole-heartedly in favour of the formation of a General Synod, but, nevertheless, was determined that it should suffer no dissolution in the process. The only dissenting voice was that of Bishop Anson of Qu'Appelle, who argued that the Canadian Church should become one province, as he believed that the proposed union could only result in double authority over diocesan synods which would divide and dissipate the power and unanimity of action that it was desired to concentrate and strengthen. One of the two synods above the diocesan synod would be bound to become a nonentity. If the proposed General Synod were endowed with real power, there would be nothing worthwhile left for any provincial

synod, while if the provincial synods retained their power, there was nothing to be gained by creating the extra machinery of a General Synod. Subsequent events have from time to time emphasized much of Bishop Anson's point of view, and there is probably a good deal of opinion in the Church which would subscribe to it today. After the 1929 Synod, a powerful article in the Calgary Diocesan GAZETTE strongly took the view that the time had come to dissolve provincial synods, particularly that of Rupert's Land. In the opinion of the writer, its deliberations were too limited in scope and its intermediate position between the General Synod and the Diocesan Synods gave its proceedings an air of unreality. Much of its system of procedure was obsolete; neither the Upper nor the Lower House could amend each other's motions, they could only be accepted or rejected. Financially, it was a waste of money which could be used to much better advantage. There was really no common ground between the dioceses of either interest or action, and the opinions and problems of the western part of the Church were neither voiced nor met.

While there might be a great deal of truth in the criticisms of both 1890 and 1929, the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land has accomplished some excellent work in at least three directions. The Episcopal appointments, which from time to time it has had to originate, have been made with sound judgment, and looking back on them one can see the guidance of the Holy Spirit, even though at the moment there may have been some question of their wisdom. In the course of years, the original Diocese of Rupert's Land has been divided into twelve dioceses, and

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share in sending out again women missionaries, teachers, evangelists and doctors. Miss Marie Foerstel, whom some of you remember on her two visits to summer school at Seba and Kapasiwin, accompanied by Miss L. Powell, R.N., will return to Japan when passage can be arranged. Our prayers must follow them for a safe journey to a shattered land and for God's grace as they take up again the church's task there.

In closing, my mind travels back to the valiant members of our society who have called to higher service. Some younger women are entering our ranks and their enthusiasm and their willingness to venture must add a new note to our concerted work. I wish that you would plan every meeting with great diligence and fore-sight so that the interest and loyalty that characterizes your membership would strike a new tone in parish life. Then those whom you meet this year in the daily round will know that you have mastered the art of living and have found inward peace in the "Adventure of working together."

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September—Date and time to be announced later. Christ Church.

November—Date to be announced. All Saints', 10 a.m. Corporate Communion.

November 30th—St. Andrew's Day. Intercessions for all W.A. Members in the Diocese.

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When war and discord on the earth shall cease;

Yet every prayer for universal peace
Avails the blessed time to expedite.

Whate'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,

Though it be what thou canst hope to see;

Pray to be perfect, though material heaven
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be.

But if for any wish thou darest not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

—Hartley Coleridge.

(Used by Mrs. Barfoot at the afternoon session of the Annual, Feb. 11th.)

Dorcas and Aklavik

Excerpt—from a letter printed in the February, 1947, issue of the Living Message:

"It is with the Bishop of the Arctic's endorsement that the Dorcas supply department of the Dominion W.A. Board is appealing for furnishings to go on the first boat in May, 1947, to Aklavik. The detailed list of furnishings is much too long to be published here, but if you, your branch or group are interested in a definite project I would be very happy to send you all the details. Furnishings will be necessary for a combined living and dining room, a small study, a large and a small upstairs bedroom, a bathroom, a kitchen and equipment for cooking, baking and cleaning; cutlery, china, curtains, floor coverings, household linens such as bedding, towelling and table linens—or CASH donations may be sent at once."

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there has had to be much adjustment of boundaries. Two of these, Moosonee (in 1937 added to the Province of Ontario) and Yukon (in 1941 added to the Province of British Columbia), have ceased to be part of the Province of Rupert's Land. In 1933, the boundaries of the Dioceses of Keewatin, Mackenzie River and the Yukon were re-adjusted to form the new Diocese of the Arctic, the Diocese of Mackenzie River being divided between the Arctic and Athabasca. There are now ten dioceses in the Province, but if the promised development of the southern portion of the Northwest Territories should materialize, it might very well be found expedient to re-establish the Diocese of Mackenzie River.

Throughout its history, the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land has constantly proved its usefulness in forming a meeting place for discussion of problems essentially belonging to the Church in Western Canada, and such pronouncements as it has made have always carried weight. It has a great tradition in its zeal for missions, both amongst white settlers and Indians; it has shown no less zeal in its attitude to the social, educational and moral problems of the day. As our thoughts turn to its meeting in April, 1947, it might be well to recall words from a sermon presented by the late Bishop Grisdale before the Provincial Synod of 1899. Taking as his text: I Chronicles, 7, 32, "Men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," the Bishop said, "We should be men of our own day, busy in the tasks of our own times. We should be careful not to live in an ideal past, still less in an ideal present. We should understand the requirements of our own times and be in touch with the age and country in which we live. Even local peculiarities should not escape our notice, the characteristics of the country and place in which God has placed us are worthy of our reverent study." There is still great work ahead for the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land.

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XV

The First Thousand Years of The Church of England

It would seem wise at this point to attempt a very brief review of the history of the Church in Britain during the first thousand years of the Christian era. It is, in part, the purpose of these articles to demonstrate the fact that from earliest times the British Church has had an existence of its own quite separate from that of the Church of Rome. We have seen that British bishops were present at the Council of Arles in 314 A.D. and at later councils. We have seen, too, that although Augustine, a Roman monk, came on a mission to Britain in 597 A.D. he came under strict orders not to interfere with British customs, nor to override British authority—orders which he defiantly and arrogantly flouted.

At the beginning of the eleventh century two things happened—papal claims began to soar, and Britain was conquered by the Normans. Bolstered up by the false decretals to which reference was made in the February issue of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN the Bishops of Rome claimed the right to rule all other Churches. In Britain, William the Conqueror was determined to recognize no authority but his own. His letter, both outspoken and courteous, in reply to papal demands is still extant, "I refuse to do fealty nor will I, because neither have I promised it, nor do I find that my predecessors did it to your predecessors." At the same time, however, William brought large numbers of followers, clerical and lay, from the continent where the theory of papal supremacy was coming to be adopted. Lanfranc was among these men, and so was Anselm, while Thomas Becket, although an Englishman, had received the greater part of his training and education in Italy. It was natural therefore that such men should, as a matter of course, strive to bring the Church of England under the domination of the Roman See, failing to understand her position as an independent autonomous branch of the Catholic Church.

The Accession of King John

King John came to the throne in 1199 and was undoubtedly the worst monarch

England ever had. By his incompetence and misrule he alienated both the Church and the barons. The breach between the Church and the Crown was caused by the appointment of an Archbishop of Canterbury. When Hubert Walter, the Archbishop, died in 1205 the younger sections of the monks of Canterbury, intending to force the situation, secretly elected Reginald, the sub-prior, at the same time binding him to secrecy until such time as he should have been consecrated. Reginald proceeded to the continent but could not resist the temptation to tell others that he was the archbishop-elect. Thus the news leaked out. The king was furious and insisted upon the election of John de Grey, a miserable specimen whose previous appointment as Bishop of Norwich had only been secured by royal influence. Both sides now appealed to the Bishop of Rome who was only too pleased to have an opportunity for interference. He ordered both elections to be declared invalid and appointed Stephen Langton, at that time Chancellor of the University of Paris. Whatever his faults may have been Langton was an Englishman moved by devotion to his calling, and filled with some love and patriotism for his native land.

King John refused to accept the election of Langton and thereupon the pope professed to lay England under an interdict whereby all religious services were forbidden. Actually the interdict was never very strictly enforced and John retaliated by seizing Church property. In 1209 the pope (ironically enough called "Innocent") excommunicated John and in 1212 deposed him from his kingship. By this time John, who was superstitious but not religious, was thoroughly alarmed. His alarm had been increased by a prophecy that within a year he would lose his crown. Hence he made a complete and abject submission to the Bishop of Rome. He promised to accept Langton as archbishop and to restore all Church property—but he even went further and surrendered his crown to the papacy. Henceforth England was to be a papal vassal and the kings of England were to pay to the Bishops of Rome one thousand marks yearly as tribute.

The collapse of John followed quickly. His crushing taxes, his cowardice when he collected an army but returned without making any attempt upon the King of France disgusted all. Meanwhile both Church and baronage had discovered a leader and patriot in Stephen Langton. He it was, who, at a meeting of bishops and barons, produced the charter of Henry I as a standard of the long lost liberties which they wished to see restored. It was this meeting which led to the conference at Runnymede, near Windsor, in June, 1215, when the King was compelled to sign the historic document known ever since as Magna Carta, or the Great Charter.

Magna Carta and the Church

From the churchman's point of view the greatest item of interest in Magna Carta is in its first paragraph inserted most probably at the insistence of Archbishop Langton. It begins with the sweeping, if somewhat vague, declaration: "quod ecclesia Anglicana libera sit"—the Church of England shall be free—and goes on to affirm that "she shall have her rights entire, and her liberties inviolate." It meant primarily that the Church should be free of royal interference. It was intended to provide that the King should not interfere with the elections of bishops, nor keep sees vacant in order to appropriate their revenues, nor subject the Church to excessive taxation.

It may also be construed to mean, although it does not specifically say so, freedom from papal domination. Colour is given to this inference by the fact that a previous similar charter granted to the Church on November 21st, 1214, was opposed by Nicholas, the papal legate, as well as by the fact that the Bishop of Rome soon afterwards suspended Archbishop Langton.

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We begin this month's news by wishing you all a very happy and joyful Easter. Our Services for Holy Week and Easter Day will follow the same pattern as in former years, and details of the Services and the times at which they will be held will be in the hands of all on our mailing lists before Palm Sunday, and extra copies will be available in the Church for you to take away.

We are grateful to the Bishop for continuing the course of addresses on Wednesday evenings during Lent. These addresses are designed to give definite teaching on "What we believe about the Church", and to date have been very well attended. We appreciate very much the help given by the Choir in these Services, and so far twenty or more have been in attendance in the Choir every Wednesday evening.

We are also grateful for the continued help of Canon C. H. Crane-Williams, who is always so ready to help us whenever he is asked.

The Woman's Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 1st. A short Devotional Service was held in the Cathedral at 2.30 by Dean Trendall prior to the business meeting. Sunday, March 16th, was W.A. Day and the flowers were placed on the Altar by the W.A. Two of the Groups are holding teas—the Jasper East, under the leadership of Mrs. Allbright, on Saturday, April 12th in the Empire Room of the Hudson's Bay, and the Cathedral Evening Group in May, also in the Empire Room. This group held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Mercer, and showed a membership on their books of twenty-one, and are still open for new members.

On Thursday, March 13th, the Chi Rho Fellowship heard Mrs. Patricia Macrae Fulton of Kamloops, B.C., in the first of a series of lectures by well-known authorities on Social Service and Juvenile Delinquency problems. With several years experience in the Social Welfare field in British Columbia, Mrs. Fulton was ably prepared to speak on the problem of unmarried parenthood.

Following Mrs. Fulton's address, Miss M. Dick of the Family Welfare Bureau spoke briefly and answered questions pertaining to the problem as it concerns Edmonton and the immediate vicinity. The intense interest of the Club members in this vital problem was clearly evidenced by the number and variety of questions answered by the speakers.

All organizations who have news items which they would like to have inserted in the Parish news are asked to send them to the Rector's office not later than the 15th of each month.

CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

Lent is now more than half over, and by the time you read this we shall be

ready to celebrate Easter. So far the attendance at the services has been greatly hampered by the continued cold weather and much illness. Nevertheless, we are happy to report one item of interest. At the mid-week services we have been greatly helped by the regularity and faithfulness of the Choir. To them go our grateful thanks for their devotion to the work of the Church.

Our Adult Confirmation Class numbers eleven, and we are expecting the service to take place towards the end of March.

The memorial tablet to the late Mr. R. H. Cautley is now on order; and plans are also proceeding for the establishment of the Scholarship in memory of those of our congregation who gave their lives during the War. Of these two matters we shall have more to say at a later date.

On Palm Sunday evening we are presenting the moving picture film on the life of Christ, entitled "King of Kings." This film has been shown at various times before this in Edmonton, but like all good things, it is well worth repeating.

W.A.—The W.A. reports that Mrs. E. S. Ottley was unanimously elected as their Honorary President, also that Mrs. M. Brodie, Mrs. W. McNab, Mrs. F. Craskill and Mrs. W. Marshall are the Honorary Vice Presidents. The Pre Lenten Tea held in the Rectory was a very successful affair, both socially and financially, the W.A. funds being \$80.00 richer.

The next meeting is the Education Meeting at which time there will be a general discussion on "What My Faith Means to Me." This is being arranged by Mrs. H. M. E. Evans.

Our whole hearted co-operation and our best wishes are extended to Mrs. M. L. Baker who has recently undertaken the leadership of the Junior W.A.

Mrs. D. Ross reports the Teen Agers are most enthusiastic over the prospect of making Shearling slippers. These are made from sheared lambs wool. They are also planning a theatre party to be followed with refreshments at the home of Mrs. E. R. Hughes.

The Young Women's Club who meet the second and fourth Mondays in the parish hall report catering to a wedding reception in the parish hall recently when there were one hundred guests. The Rev. E. S. Ottley is to address their next meeting.

The Choir are, of course, very busy at this season of the year. Special music is being prepared for Easter Sunday—choruses from "Olivet to Calvary" for Palm Sunday and the "Last Supper" to be given Good Friday evening. One of our choir members, Miss Marjorie Thompson, is being married shortly and will make her future home in Whitehorse. To honour Miss Thompson, the choir held a party in the Rectory March 12th and presented her with an Entree dish and candle sticks.

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Good Friday and Easter Day—The Lenten Season is almost over, and on Good Friday we shall be taking part in the Meditations on the Cross. The Three-Hour Service will commence at noon, and we shall all look forward to the addresses by the Very Reverend A. M. Trendell, Dean of Edmonton. The Rector will be conducting the Three-Hours Service at Christ Church.

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Services of Easter Day will be as follows: 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Choral Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Service; 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service; and 7.30 p.m., Evensong.

Men's Club—The Men's dinner on St. Patrick's Day proved an outstanding success in every way, and we are grateful to Mr. Justice O'Connor for his excellent Irish address. Mr. Townend and Mr. White were guest soloists, and Mr. C. Stapells led the community singing. Col. H. B. Jamieson, President of the Club acted as Master of Ceremonies. Many thanks to the Parish Guild for the splendid dinner.

W.A.—Arrangements are being made for the W.A. to entertain the Juniors to a supper, and also the Girls' Auxiliary to tea. An Easter Tea is to be held on Wednesday, April 16th, in the Church basement.

Married Couples—The Married Couples' Club keeps growing with each fortnightly meeting, and we are glad to welcome new members.

Young Women's Fellowship—Meetings during Lent have been held after the mid-week Lenten Service with one exception. On March 12th we held a Supper Meeting to which we invited our Honorary Presidents. It was a most happy event which we hope to repeat from time to time.

Mothers' Union—There were seventeen members present at the March meeting held at the home of Mrs. Drake. Mrs. Kavanagh was speaker. The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. Doty, 9928 80th Avenue.

Parish Guild—Catered for Men's dinner on March 17th. \$100.00 given to Parish Hall Fund. Mrs. R. N. Shaw and Miss A. Tye appointed as a visiting committee. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Teviotdale, 11150 88th Avenue.

Sunday School—The Sunday School had a visit from the Rev. E. J. Heuer, who illustrated his address with the flannelgraph.

The Sunday School Choir plan to enter the Musical Festival and are busy practicing under the leadership of Miss E. Joudrey.

The Children's Service will be held on Good Friday at 10.00 a.m. All interested are invited. Mr. J. E. Smith will address the children.

Miss B. McMillan is substituting for Mrs. F. Brown.

Girls' Auxiliary—Meeting on Monday as usual. At present the girls are making woven slippers and belts. We are happy to report that the girls won all their badges. New members will be welcome and girls of fifteen or so will find the work most interesting.

The girls met at the home of Mrs. Tingle recently for a social evening, and Miss Sutter showed illustrated pictures of the Rockies. Refreshments were served later.

Good Companions—There are twenty-eight girls in this group at present and they are busy furnishing a doll's house.

ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. L. M. WATTS

At the morning service, on February 23rd, the Right Rev. W. F. Barfoot baptized the infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Watts, Janette Mayfair. He reminded the congregation of the duties of Godparents, and also of their duties as members of St. Faith's. The Bishop was the celebrant for the Holy Communion Service which followed, assisted by the Rector.

The Sanctuary Guild are making plans for their Annual Tea to be held some time in April. Exact date and place will be announced later.

The Afternoon W.A. held a very successful Valentine Tea on Shrove Tuesday. At their meetings during Lent, the study book "India at the Threshold" is being read. They have finished initial preparations for the Honour Roll and the names have been given to the printer. It is hoped to have this completed in the near future. The Afternoon W.A. are sponsoring a branch of the Church Boys' League and would like parents of boys between the ages of seven and twelve, who are members of St. Faith's Church, to know that meetings are held each Thursday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Evening Group—Mrs. A. Niven has resigned from the group, having moved to West Jasper Place. She was presented with a gift, on behalf of the members, by Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. Barlow. Mrs. Cairns reported on her visits to the Charles Camself Hospital, and asked for comic books and games for the Eskimo and Indian children. A start has been made on the new study book with a paper given based on the first chapter—"I am Proud of India". Another letter has been received from Miss Frances Howard, W.A. missionary in Kaifeng, China, telling of her work in the Yu Chung Middle School. The group are making plans for a rummage sale to be held early in the spring.

St. Faith's A.Y.P.A. took part in the Annual Charade Contest held in All Saints' Parish Hall, February 21st. Their word was "nobody" and Miss Jean Currey was judged best actress of the evening on the strength of her blood chilling scream. Their regular monthly Fireside was held after church, March 16th.

The Young Married Group held their regular get-together on March 2nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tidsbury.

The Girls' Auxiliary, under the leadership of Miss Penny Pryor, are holding regular meetings each Tuesday evening in the church room. They have earned their Social Service Badges and were presented with them March 11th. Con-

gratulations, this was a difficult badge to earn! Miss Arva Stewart has visited the group twice and spoken to them on G.A. work. The girls have been busy knitting squares for an afghan, and it is now almost completed. Plans have been

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made to have speakers for the next six meetings.

The J.W.A. under the able leadership of Miss C. Douglas, are completing their years work and are now busy with the Festival programme—competitions to take place early in the spring.

A general invitation is issued to anyone interested in joining any of the above groups. New members will be cordially welcomed, get in touch with the Rector for information.

General—On Sunday evening, February 23rd, the Guides, Scouts and Cubs attended Church Parade in St. Faith's. This was the last day of Scout and Guide week celebrated across Canada.

The Rev. W. T. Elkin of St. Mary's conducted the weekly Lenten Service on March 12th. We are grateful for this help given Mr. Watts during his illness.

The list for Sidesmen has been revised by the Rector and Mr. E. Currey. There are now over fifty names of men and older boys on the list and it assures sidesmen on duty at all three services on Sundays.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

On Sunday, February 23rd, the Junior W.A. and the Cubs attended the evening service. It was very gratifying to see so many young members joining in the hymns and prayers. They sang with great enthusiasm. A number of the Junior members were presented with badges.

The Sunday School have been holding lantern slides during the season of Lent. A boys' choir has been started to assist in the School's service.

The W.A. held a very successful St. Patrick's tea. They are making arrangements for the inside of the hall to be painted.

On March 26th the Evening Group are holding a social. They hope to have a number of new members in attendance.

We wish to congratulate the A.Y.P.A. for their success in winning the city cup for Charades.

ST. JOHN'S

THE REV. W. E. HARRISON

The past month has seen another advance on the part of our people towards the goal of completing our new church. A day was set apart, on which it was asked that the parishioners express their desires regarding the furtherance of the building programme. Almost without exception every member responded. Gifts towards the building fund have been most generous and pledges are growing day by day. By common consent we have determined to go ahead just as soon as possible and endeavour to finish our church in the manner in which it was begun.

During the past month, amongst the gifts of church furnishings received, were two very fine collection plates, presented by the children of the Sunday School. Two of the youngest children in the Junior Department made the presentation during the morning service on March 9th.

The Chi Rho Fellowship enjoyed an evening in the parish hall arranged by Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilhms, the host and hostess for the month. It was by nature an educational gathering and a movie was shown entitled the "Maharajahs of India".

The W.A. held a St. Patrick's Day tea and sale of work in the parish hall on Monday, March 17th. The women had worked hard for this event and the results were most gratifying.

Mid-week Lenten Services have been well attended. We are all grateful to the members of the choir, who have given so much of their time, and turned out so faithfully to every service.

Baptisms—"Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world and the flesh."

March 9th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beattie; March 16th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swan.

ST. LUKE'S

CANON W. H. HATFIELD

The missionary needs of the Arctic, China and India were the theme of the morning service on the first Sunday in Lent. An excellent poster had been prepared showing a picture of our Blessed Lord in the centre of a golden sun, the rays from which were formed by the triangular sides of Lenten pyramid boxes and from which two streamers connected the sun with the Mission Fields mentioned. These two streamers represented prayer and sacrifice, and our part in these two aspects of missionary work were vividly shown. The main department of the Sunday School was in attendance and after the address they, together with all the adult members of the congregation, received a pyramid box at the poster as a pledge that they would do their part during Lent, by prayer and sacrifice, to forward the work of the Church in our own country and in distant lands. On the following Sunday Miss Edith Mah attended the regular children's service and gave an interesting description of children in China and of the great need in that country. Miss Mah spoke feelingly of the work that has to be undertaken to rebuild the mission stations destroyed during the war. The children were deeply interested, not alone in the message, but also in the beautiful Chinese dress worn by Miss Mah. The poster was again used and will be placed in the Church once more on Easter Sunday when the contribution to missionary work will be offered at the Altar.

At the annual Sunday School Dramatic night at All Saints' Parish Hall on March 14th, members of St. Luke's School and Bible Class took part in the enactment of "The Mark of a Christian" by portraying "Kindness." The setting was taken from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 38. The boys taking part included Francis Clark, Ronald Nessel, Kenneth MacDonald, Roland Price, James Muir and David Hatfield.

The newly formed Boys' Club, under the leadership of Tom Buchan and Forrest Hunter, is away to a good start and boys between twelve and fifteen years are invited to become members.

A Confirmation Class for adults (eighteen years and over) will be formed immediately after Easter.

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An Easter Tea and Sale of Aprons has been arranged for Friday, April 11th, in the hall. This is a parochial effort, sponsored by the W.A. The proceeds will be given to the Maintenance Fund.

Once more another family has head "The Call of the Coast." Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor have been faithful and generous members of St. Luke's Church for over thirty years. Their service has been unstinted—both were members of the Choir in earlier days—Mrs. Taylor an active Life Member in the W.A., Mr. Taylor, Honorary Lay Reader and Warden, and for many years Superintendent of the Sunday School. Such workers are exceptional and their departure is a distinct loss to the Parish. They have freely given their time, their talents and their substance to the support of their Church and it is with mixed feeling that such a strong link is severed—sorrow that we no longer have fellowship with them and joy that they will find so many old friends ready to give then a real welcome at the Coast where a goodly number of "originals" of St. Luke's are now active members of Churches in the city by the sea. We wish them God's blessing and much happiness in their new home.

ST. MARY'S, THE HIGHLANDS

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

The newly-formed Sanctuary Guild held its formal organization meeting recently and the members are now well along with the work which they have undertaken to do.

The A.Y.P.A. held a reorganization meeting Sunday, March 9th, in the parish hall. About twelve members were present at the meeting at which Gloria Hiron was elected president, Betty Thomson, vice-president, and Peter Cuff, secretary-treasurer. Anyone interested in becoming an active member of St. Mary's A.Y. please contact any of the above three mentioned or Mr. Elkin.

On Friday, April 10th- at 8 p.m., the Senior W.A. are sponsoring an attractive series of moving pictures which will be shown in the parish hall. The entertainment will have appeal for young and old alike and everyone will be very welcome.

The Men's Club is proceeding smoothly with meetings the first and third Mondays of each month. March 17th the Club enjoyed a series of moving pictures.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. entertained the Men's Club (their husbands) at a most refreshing and invigorating sleigh-ride in mid-March. Following, they adjourned to the parish hall for an appetizing bean feed.

St. Mary's Juniors are busying themselves with lessons on leathercraft this month. March 27th will see a special service for the presentation of badges and stripes earned by the girls during the past year. Mrs. Craigie will be present on this occasion.

Adult Confirmation Classes are held regularly each Thursday p.m. in the parish hall at 8.30 o'clock. All adults are invited to join in the discussions

and counsel given, thus enabling the "listeners-in" to recall and to renew their own promises and dedication made by them at their own confirmation.

On Good Friday a three-hour service will be held in the church from 12 to 3 p.m., conducted by the rector.

On Easter Sunday morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.30 a.m. Choral Communion will be held at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.

Minor improvements are being added each week to the new parish hall. A splendid set of cupboards has been built across the west wall for all supplies needed by each organization.

ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. C. E. F. WOLFF

St. Stephen's scout troop won the city Scout Hockey Championship. Increased activity is noticeable in Boy Scout, Guides, Cubs, Brownie and Ranger activities. Mr. J. Green, owing to personal business, has had to give up the position of cubmaster, and a successor will be appointed at an early date.

Improved weather has been reflected in enlarged congregations at all services.

The fabric of the church is still in need of repair and it has been necessary to postpone interior decoration until the roof has been made leakproof. Contributions toward the expense of these projects are urgently needed.

The Choir, throughout Lent, has been busily preparing for Easter. More voices are needed, especially in the contralto, tenor and bass sections.

The Willing Workers have rendered the following report: "A very successful miscellaneous shower for a future sale of work was held at the home of Mrs. Tridmore on March 3rd. We wish all members to keep April 10th and 22nd in mind. A tea and sale of work will be held in the Empire Room of the Hudson's Bay Company, on April 10th. On April 22nd Mrs. Walsh, the Dorcas convenor, is having an Easter tea and shower at home. We have missed Mrs. Petherbridge from our meetings. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery from her illness."

The Junior A.Y.P.A. is going strong and held its first public function, a very successful tea, on Saturday, March 15th. The Senior A.Y.P.A. seems to have suffered a slight decline of membership. All young people are reminded that this branch meets regularly on Wednesday in the church hall.

Members of the Men's Guild are reminded that their next corporate communion will be held on Easter Day at 8 a.m.

Good Friday services will be held as follows:

10 a.m., Good Friday Litany.
12 to 3 p.m., Three-Hour Service.
3.30 p.m., Children's Service.
8.00 p.m., Film showing: "The King of Kings."

On Easter Day services will be:
7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Procession and Sung Eucharist.
3 p.m., Children's Service.
7.30 p.m., Procession and Evensong.

ST. MATTHEW'S

Members of St. Matthew's congregation are reminded of Easter services at 9.30 a.m. in the church.

St. Matthew's W.A. will hold their Easter Tea on Wednesday, April 9th, in the church hall.

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ST. PETER'S

THE REV. R. S. FAULKS

The Good Friday service is to be at 11 a.m. that day. Easter Day the services will be: the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Please note the early service, for this Sunday only, is a half hour earlier than usual.)

All parents are asked to remember the series of Holy Week services for children, which will be held each day at 4.30 p.m. Come with the kiddies if you like, but please do your part to make this an effective venture.

GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Friday service in this parish is arranged for 2.30 p.m. that day. Easter services will be the Holy Communion at 10 a.m., and Evensong at 7.30 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S, FORT SASK.

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

This past month has been a busy month in our parish.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held on Feb. 21st at 3 p.m., in the United Church. This was a lovely service, with members of each congregation taking part. The address was delivered by Mrs. W. W. Buxton, and very aptly followed the theme of the service: "Make Straight in the Desert a Highway for our God." Our inter-church committee was formed and our member are Mrs. R. Parker and Mrs. C. H. Williams.

We are sorry to have to report that since that service the United Church caught fire and burned to the ground. It was a landmark of the Fort, having been built in 1902, and our sympathy was sincerely extended to its congregation. Our rector immediately offered our church for their use and received the thanks of all for this generous gesture. However other arrangements have been made to fill the gap until a new structure can be built.

The Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies attended church service Feb. 23. This was a lovely service and it was a pleasure to see the youngsters endeavoring to start out on the Christian road of life.

The members of the Sunday School journeyed to Edmonton on Friday evening March 14th, to attend and to take part in the Sunday School Dramatic Night, which was held at All Saints' Cathedral Hall. This was an event which was eagerly anticipated and our Sunday School presented the story of Hosea of the Old Testament, which exemplified 'Faithfulness.'

Many thanks are given to those who provided cars for the transportation of the children that evening.

Confirmation Service will be held on April 10th and there are about forty who are being prepared for confirmation by Bishop Barfoot on that evening.

The W.A. has just concluded another series of bridge and whist parties. These have been thoroughly enjoyed and very successful financially.

During the Lenten season members of the W.A. have been asked to work on articles suitable for the bazaar, which will be held April 12th. Also plans are being

made to present an operetta in late April. Everyone of the congregation is asked to assist in this enterprise.

The Diocesan Annual Meeting which was held in Edmonton, Feb. 11th to 13th was attended by two delegates, Mrs. C. P. Brabbins and Mrs. T. Holt and by the President of the W.A., Mrs. C. R. W. Mager. Also two of our life members were able to attend some of the sessions—Mrs. W. H. White and Mrs. C. Mayer. It was a well attended and inspiring Annual.

Members of the W.A. and congregation met at the rectory on Monday, March 17, to renew and to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Ingram-Johnson of Surrey, England, who is the wife of a former clergyman of St. George's, and who has been visiting her parents, Major and Mrs. G. Dawson, during the past three months. Tea was poured by Mrs. J. Carscadden, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent recalling old times and past experiences in the parish.

Plans are under way to compile the history of our church and parish. Would anyone who is interested please send or give in writing to the Rev. W. W. Buxton, as soon as possible, any small item of interest or fact which they recall.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Services are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

W.A.: The W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. A. N. Loggin, with five members and one visitor present. The revised Parochial Constitution was read by the president, Mrs. S. Moss. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Wilkinson.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
GRAND CENTRE**

We were glad to have Fr. Lawrence Frith with us again from January 2nd to the 13th. Owing to our not being aware of the day we were to expect Fr. Frith coming no arrangements had been made or notices sent out for Sunday services, however with his usual adaptability he was able to gather a congregation for Evensong on Sunday, Jan. 5th.

Visits were made to many in the town of Cold Lake and a holy communion service held there at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Further visits were made during the day which resulted in a good congregation for Evensong at Grand Centre. On Jan. 6th, Epiphany, holy communion was celebrated at Grand Centre. The rest of the day was spent—as indeed the rest of the week—in visiting over an area of, about forty miles to the west of Grand Centre, baptizing and administering holy communion in several of the homes in the Riverhurst district. On Sunday, Jan. 12th, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the church, with some sixteen communicants. We all realize the steady and arduous work done during this two weeks' visit by Fr. Frith on a bicycle through country roads heavy with snow and in bitter cold. Once again we are grateful for the good and self-sacrificing work of a priest from the Community at Bracebridge, and we hope that a further visit may be possible sometime this summer.

It is expected that Mrs. Wotherspoon and Jean will return to the rectory before the end of March and remain during the summer months.

Future Services: April 6th—Evensong, 3 p.m. (as Palm Sunday).

April 11th—Service of the Cross, 12 noon (as Good Friday).

April 13th—Evensong, 3 p.m. (as Easter Sunday).

The above services will be taken by Mr. H. J. Ayres.

A meeting of both the Church Committee and the Ladies' Guild of St. Margaret will be held in Grand Centre during Easter week.

The Ladies' Guild plan to hold a sale of work in aid of church funds shortly after Easter.

Holy Baptism: Maureen Anne Brady, Joyce Fielding.

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ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

CANON W. DEV. A. HUNT

After the Vesper Service on Feb. 23rd Mr. Harry Tucker was presented with a small gift from the parish, as a token of their esteem and gratitude for his services as a warden of this church. He was elected this year for the thirtieth time, a memorable and unique record of faithful work.

At the W.A. meeting arrangements were made for the spring sale; also for special highlights at the next sewing meetings, which are being held on Wednesday afternoons. As the reports from the Diocesan Annual could not be heard at this meeting, we are to have them on the 19th, when we meet at the home of Mrs. R. D. Layng. An interesting letter was read by Mrs. Marshall, our Prayer Partner, from our missionary, Miss W. Neville at Hay River Hospital. We were also delighted to see an accompanying snapshot of Miss Neville in a ward of the hospital. This was taken by her nephew on his flying visit to her.

Wednesday evening services are being held throughout Lent. It would be helpful if more people could attend these services. Questions and discussion are welcomed at this time, and would be of real value.

The girls' groups were fortunate in having a visit from Miss Arva Stewart on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15th. She spoke to them in the parish hall.

We are glad to note that Miss K. White is back from hospital at the coast, and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

A.A.A.—By this time most Anglicans are familiar with the letters A.A.A. The Advance still continues and still needs our prayers and our wholehearted support and our presence in church Sunday by Sunday. Our parochial objective has not yet been attained. We still need \$620.00 in cash, though of this \$360.00 has already been pledged. We hope that all who pledged themselves to pay an instalment this year on the amount they promised will strive to do so; and that others who made no pledge will still give again as God has prospered them to help the Church to fulfill her pressing obligations to the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

As Anglicans we are proud of our Prayer Book, but we sometimes forget that it contains many rubrics, or rules, for the guidance of all faithful church members. On page 291 may be found the rubric concerning the Easter Communion: "And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

ALL SAINTS', SEBA BEACH

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on February 27th, with Canon J. C. Matthews as chairman. Mr. R. Warren was re-elected as Vicar's Warden and Mr. O. Laurence, People's Warden. The Vestry for 1947 is as follows: Messrs. H. Matthews, C. McKillip, R. McKee, A. Wood, R. H. Gardener, S. Harrison of

Tomahawk, R. Ryley of Gainford, A. Peterson, G. Mann, Mrs. P. Cull, Mrs. Dieb. Miss L. Camp, Vestry Clerk.

Mr. Warren was appointed delegate to Synod, with Mr. A. Peterson as substitute. Reports from the W.A., J.W.A. and Sunday School were presented and showed good work accomplished during the year. The Building Committee were re-elected: Messrs. O. Laurence, H. English, G. Mann, P. Cull, R. Ryley, to carry on the completion of the church building.

Announcement was made of the Bishop appointing Mr. O. Warren as lay reader to All Saints' Church. Mr. Warren gave an interesting account of the Diocesan Synod.

The World Day of Prayer was observed with a service in the church.

The Pres. and Vice-Pres. of the W.A., J.W.A. Supt. and one delegate attended the W.A. Annual Meeting.

Several nice gifts have been made to the church—the Mother's Union of Lonira, brass candlesticks, altar cruets and bread box; Miss L. Camp, brass candlesticks, taper holder and extinguisher with candles and tapers complete, pair of glass vases for altar; Mrs. L. Harrison of Tomahawk, a collection plate; Mr. T. Dykes, a white stone font. The W.A., a heater for the church. Many gifts of money have been donated. These gifts have been most gratefully received.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

The first matter of record in these notes this month must necessarily be about the Mission from Feb. 24th to March 2nd, conducted by Bishop Barfoot. While the numbers present at the services were not as large as we had hoped, the attendance was exceedingly steady and it was encouraging to note that each evening the majority of those present were the same group of our members. The Bishop's addresses were certainly comprehensive in nature, and in the course of the week he gave us "the whole picture" of the Gospel in a very definite way; they had the depth required to produce serious thought, and yet their simplicity of style and directness of appeal set out issues which had to be faced. The last week of February in 1947 will be looked back upon by many of us as a very profitable time.

The early celebrations of Holy Communion were well attended, and so were the afternoon services for children, who received their daily instruction with just as much enthusiasm and interest as they showed in following the films which followed it. The "Flu" epidemic unfortunately hit the younger members of the church on the Friday and only a handful were able to come to the "explained" service of Holy Communion on the Saturday morning, and the Children's Service on Sunday, March 2nd, had to be abandoned. The most interesting sequel to the work with the children was the discovery of the large amount of the instruction, from both

word and picture, which had been absorbed; the sound film is certainly a medium which is in tune with the present rising generation, which must continue to be developed.

Both services on Ash Wednesday were well attended, particularly the United Service in the evening. It was a busy day for the members of the Senior W.A., as at their afternoon meeting they received the report of the Annual Meetings in Edmonton. On the first Sunday in Lent the Cubs and Junior branch of the W.A. paraded to

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church. The improvement in our Cubs is very noticeable, and the Colour Party was particularly smartly turned out. Assistant Cubmaster John Hudson and Cubmaster SM Andrew read the Lessons. On the evening of March 9th the Rev. W. N. Byers preached on behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The morning service on March 9th was brightened by the baptism of Patricia Anne Ward. We wish that all parents would study the rubric on page 292 of the Book of Common Prayer and become familiar with the fact that first of all the baptism of their children should not be unnecessarily or frivolously delayed, and that secondly the proper time for baptism is at the morning service unless there are unusual circumstances.

Miss Arva Stewart, organizer of Girls' Work in the Diocese, spent three days with us on March 10th, 11th and 12th. On the Monday evening she met and addressed a very good joint meeting of our W.A. in the parish hall, and talked most interestingly about her work and its objects. She spent a long Tuesday evening with our G.A., and we gather that she promoted there a considerable increase of enthusiasm (tho' that has not any means been lacking in the past). On the Wednesday afternoon Miss Stewart spent an equally lengthy session with the Junior branch W.A. We should like to thank those members of the congregation who were kind enough to assist in entertaining Miss Stewart in her "off hours," which we are sure added to the pleasure of her first visit to Jasper.

The sudden thaw which came on March 13th produced such a volume of water outside the grade entrance to the choir vestry that for a time a flood inside was threatened, which would have been serious. We should like to thank Mr. Edemborough for coming to the rescue when asked to "man the pump," also Ramsay Heckley for his hard and cheerful work which averted a second threat the next afternoon.

It was with much regret that we noted in "The Western Signal" of March 13th the news of the death of the Rev. Walter Mather, which occurred at Bradford, Yorkshire, England, on February 9th. Mr. Mather was priest-in-charge of the Parish from August, 1921, to June, 1923, and is still well-remembered by many of the older members of the congregation.

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

THE REV. T. W. TEAPE

During the weekend of January 12th the Bishop paid a visit to the Coal Branch. He took services at Mountain Park, Luscar and Cadomin. During the evening service, at Cadomin, Rolland Cheney, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Teape, was baptized. After the service tea was served in the rectory.

The W.A. held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Johnson on Jan. 15th. The various reports showed that the membership of our W.A. had decreased but that considerably more Dorcas work had been done during 1946 than in previous years. The officers elected for 1947 were:

Pres., Mrs. Teape; Vice-Pres., Lillian Docherty; Sec., Mrs. Coppinger; Treas. and Educ. Sec., Mrs. Johnson; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Rice. Mrs. Coppinger was elected as our delegate to the Diocesan Annual.

On Feb. 19th the W.A. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Miller. The highlight of this meeting was the report of the Diocesan Annual, given by Mrs. Coppinger.

After two previous attempts had failed, the annual congregational meeting was finally held Feb. 22nd. The treasurer's report showed that we had been able to meet all our commitments for 1946. Plans were completed and materials ordered for a fence for the church property. In this regard we would like to thank Mr. Craig who donated the fence posts. It was decided that a social evening would be held, during April, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Lent was appointed rector's warden and Mr. Rice was elected people's warden. Those elected to the vestry were: Messrs. Johnson, Coppinger and Gowers, also Mrs. Teape and Lillian Docherty.

The March meeting of the W.A. was held at the rectory on the 13th. Needlework was handed out for our bazaar which this year will be held at the end of October. Mrs. Teape offered to direct a play, proceeds of which will be for the W.A., and more will be written about this at a later date.

Illness has been in the midst of so many of our church families this winter and we do pray for speedy recoveries for Mrs. Lent, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Rice and Mr. Coppinger.

Baptism: Rolland Cheney Teape, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Teape.

ST. LUKE'S, MAYERTHORPE

THE REV. J. DICKER

At last!—a parish hall here! The work entailed in moving the building from the old Padstow site to the present one on the church grounds, was no small task, considering a bridge or two, a river, and a few hills had to be crossed. The congregation are looking forward to a re-decorating campaign in order to have the hall ready for the many activities planned for 1947.

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The masquerade dance held on Feb. 13th sponsored by the W.A., in Monty's hall, was successful.

An error in last month's report to be corrected: W.A. officers—should read: Treasurer, Mrs. Harold Grigg.

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THE VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

The Happy Hour Group opened the New Year with election of officers. Mrs. Pockett was chosen President, Mrs. Fooks as Vice-President and Mrs. Spencer, Sec.-Treasurer. Also in January material was purchased and made into surplices for the Children's Choir. Two new members' Mrs. Tillet and Mrs. Chalmers joined the Group. In February a committee was chosen to send for material to be made up for our spring sale to be held May 3rd. Salads were made for the men's curling club banquet, and some of the girls assisted with cleaning up after the banquet. In March the material received from the orders were given out to the members present, to be made up. On the 4th we gathered at the home of Mrs. Leversedge to hear Miss Stewart give a very interesting talk on her work as organizer of Junior W.A. groups.

Woman's Auxiliary: The members of the W.A. welcomed three new members since the beginning of the year, Mrs. Simonsen, Mrs. Urquhart and Mrs. Hobden. We are sorry to hear that our former secretary, Mrs. Sweetman, is in the hospital and sincerely hope that by the time that these notes are in print she will be better and able to be with us again. We catered to the men's curling banquet last month; it was quite a big undertaking but thanks to Mrs. Robson, the convener, and the co-operation of all the members, it was a complete success in every way.

We were delighted to have a two-day visit from Miss Arva Stewart, the regional Girls' Supervisor, and as a result we are hoping to have a girls' auxiliary in the near future, under the leadership of Mrs. A. V. Smith.

We now have a very enthusiastic band of Juniors who meet at the rectory every Monday after school. We are not many in number but hope to gain more members later. Our one boy member, Jimmie Spencer, has not missed a meeting yet. Our officers are: Pres., Shirley Taylor; Vice-Pres., Yvonne Cooper; Treas., Mairie Miller; Sec., Esther Simonsen; Educ. Sec., Muriel MacDonald.

The Junior Choir are keeping up their attendance very well indeed. They meet for practice every Friday after school; they lead the singing every fourth Sunday in the month at the family service.

Mrs. Ellen Joule, the oldest W.A. member in Vermilion, who kept up her interest in the W.A. and in the Church to the end of her days, was buried in the Vermilion cemetery on Feb. 16th, 1947, having reached the age of ninety-one.

Mrs. Alice Sherwood, one of the pioneer settlers in the Vermilion district, passed to her rest at the age of 79 years, and Doris Risdale, at the age of 16. Mrs. M. McKenzie Morrison also answered the call to higher service on Jan. 8th, 1947. For these and all who have born faithful witness for Christ and His Church we give thanks to God.

LANDONVILLE

THE REV. W. J. BRANT

On account of the blocked roads we have not had our services regularly. Sunday last, the 9th of March, a road had been opened through Mr. Lovell's field to the church. We were very glad to see that our vicar had brought with him the girls' choir, it was nice to see the members of Clondonald church helping with their cars and attending our service. The choir girls sang the Story of the Cross, Mrs. Brant taking the solo parts. Mrs. Ted Dorey presided at the organ.

CLANDONALD

We had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Arva Stewart to our district on March 3rd.

She was the guest of the Vicar and Mrs. Brant. While here she organized a teenage girls' club (community), fifteen in number. Mrs. Graham Turner will be the leader and Mrs. W. Dixon is assisting her. Seven of the fifteen attend the church services, but the club will be the means of doing many things which will be of benefit to the district. This kind of a club was badly needed. Good luck to the leaders and girls.

The past months have been very bad, what with the terrific cold weather and the snow blocking the roads, the attendances at the services have not been as we all would like them, but better weather is ahead and so we look for larger congregations in the future.

The Choir which the Vicar is training gave the first rendering last Sunday at the evening service. Eight girls are members at the present time. They sang the Story of the Cross, with Mrs. Brant taking certain parts of it as a solo. Mrs. Ed. Simpson presided at the organ. The girls received the congratulations of the congregation after the service. It is the wish of our Vicar that they be in surplices for the Easter Day. The members of the W.A. heard the report of the Annual W.A. meeting held in Edmonton. The report was given by Mrs. F. Hartwell. This year we hope will be a great year for our church and the vicarage, as many alterations are contemplated, we are looking for all the Protestants of the district to rally around and help to do this work for God and His Church.

The Lord Bishop has promised that he will help with the Easter services by seeing that someone is sent to the Clondonald field with the Kitscoty field. All

services will be held at all the seven churches.

The mid-week service was held at the home of Mrs. Eli Soudor, who is generally known as "Granny Soudor." She is a little over 21—being of the young age of 89 and unable to attend the services in the church, so the service was taken to her home. Ten more were in attendance at which everyone took part in the service, either by saying prayers or reading the Scripture.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Owing to weather conditions there were no church activities during January and those of February took place too late for publication in the March issue of "The Churchman," so in order to be up-to-date with the church and W.A. news, February and March activities will be more or less combined together. Since Christmas there have been three services held, one of which was Holy Communion. On two occasions the annual congregational meeting has been postponed.

The W.A. president, Mrs. W. R. Cornish, and two delegates, Mrs. R. H. Scott and Mrs. D. Norman, were appointed to attend the W.A. Annual in Edmonton but road conditions and sickness prevented them from attending. However, Kathleen Sutton was able to attend and in the absence of the delegates took notes and brought back a report of the Annual, which was given at the W.A. meeting on Feb. 19th, the first meeting since Dec. 21st, 1946. A keen interest was taken in this report and the work of the W.A. family. It was decided to change the date of the meeting from the last Wednesday in every month to the first Wed. An official letter of welcome was to be sent to our associate member in England. Hostesses were chosen for the following months and a picnic for July and Christmas party for December was scheduled. Two of the members, Mrs. Osinchuck and Marjorie Sutton cut sheeting into dresser scarves, pillow slips, etc., ready to embroider for the forthcoming bazaar. Further business was left until March 5th when our membership reached to seventeen and one associate member. The date for the bazaar was set for April 12th, weather and roads permitting. Many beautiful bazaar articles were donated by the members. It was decided to have a study period at each meeting to further W.A. knowledge. The pledge was increased from four to ten dollars. The Constitution of the W.A. will be studied at the April meeting.

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HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. E. N. P. ORME

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held on March 6th, at the home of Mrs. Burnett, with an attendance of twelve. Mrs. Glover and her mother were hostesses. After the devotionals, various business matters were attended to. Arrangements were also made for the Easter tea, sale of home cooking, flowers, potted plants, etc., to be held on April 5th, in the curling rink. At this meeting a lovely Prayer Book was presented by the members of the W.A. to Mrs. Sutherland, who was leaving at the weekend for Landis, Saskatchewan, where her husband has been appointed agent for the C.N.R. Mrs. Sutherland was entering the second year as sec.-treasurer and has been connected with the W.A. for three and one-half years. Patrick and Sharon have been regular attendants at Sunday School and Patrick had recently been admitted to the Junior Choir. Remembrance gifts were presented to them at Sunday School on March 2nd. Our best wishes for happiness and success are extended to them in their new home. Mrs. Barden kindly consented to take over the books for the remainder of the year.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held in the Anglican Church on Feb. 21st. There was a good attendance. Various members of the United and Anglican Churches took part in the service.

On March 16th the Rev. E. J. Heuer of the British and Foreign Bible Society, spoke on behalf of that Society in the United Church and an invitation was extended to the members of our Church to join in that service.

Mr. J. W. Robinson has been elected to the Diocesan Executive.

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. F. E. SMITH

Our new rector has arrived and is gradually getting settled in his new home. Mr. Smith comes to us from the Diocese of Athabasca, where he was Rector and Canon of the Cathedral for eight years. He was also secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, secretary of Synod, secretary of the Executive Committee, manager and treasurer of the Athabasca hall and editor of the Diocesan paper. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their two children have been delighted by the warm welcome given them on all sides.

The rectory has been re-decorated from top to bottom. New lighting fixtures of the very latest type have been installed and also the latest type of circulating gas heater. The floors have been covered with congoletum and are now looking very smart and entirely in keeping with the remainder of the building.

We are glad to announce that the Parish of Wainwright is now numbered among the self-supporting parishes of the Diocese. Previously it had not quite attained that distinction.

The various groups of the parish are all as busy as the proverbial bees. The W.A., under the capable leadership of Mrs. Arkwright, are getting ready for a bazaar and sale of work which is to be held in the near future.

The A.Y.P.A. are a splendid group. There are twenty-six members, most of whom are young married people. They have so much pep, enthusiasm and good will that it should be a glowing advertisement for married life. Just to show you what I mean, here is an account of their last meeting culled from the local paper: "A meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held on March 10th, an enjoyable time being had by all. We made a great many plans for work in the next few months, the most immediate to be a carpentry bee to make benches and chairs for the Sunday School. After we had discussed everything from an A.Y.P.A. church service to (we hope) a play, Mr. President (Mr. Roland Wilkins) led us in a lively debate on one of our current problems: 'Is it possible to be a Christian in the business world.' A delicious lunch was served, followed by a hearty sing-song of everybody's favorite hymns—harmony included."

The choir are hard at work getting special music ready for Easter. There are still one or two vacant places in the choir stalls, but the A.Y.P.A. have promised to see that they are filled in the near future. We are especially grateful to Mrs. June Carter for the grand job she is doing with the musical end of things. It is a thrill and an inspiration to hear the fresh young voices of our choir lifted in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

The confirmation class is now well under way, and is held each week in the rector's study. There are only five members at present, but we hope to see that number at least doubled before it is too late.

The rector is conducting a series of mid-week studies on the "History and Development of our Prayer Book." The Sunday evening course of sermons is on the "Personalities of the Passion."

A new Sunday School is being organized under the leadership of Mrs. Kennedy, who is also leader of the Junior Girls' Group. The new class will be for tiny tots. With these small people being taken care of, then the parents will be free to attend the morning service. We are particularly fortunate in our Sunday School teachers. They are all experienced teachers and what is perhaps more important, they all love children and are really interested in the work. A teachers' meeting is held each Wednesday after the mid-week service, at which the various lessons are discussed.

BATTLE HEIGHTS

The weather man has been very unkind to the Battle Heights congregation this winter. The roads have been blocked with snow since last October. However, the rector managed to get as far as Miss Bacon's home for a service last Sunday afternoon. The roads are not by any means clear yet, but Miss Bacon has consented to have the services in her house for the time being. It is the splendid co-operation of such fine church people that makes country work such a joy.

IRMA

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Church, Irma, was held at the home of Mr. Pryce Jones on Monday evening, March 3rd, with a full attendance of parishioners present. The rector, the Rev. F. E. Smith, recently arrived from Peace River, was in the chair, and important church matters were discussed. Church receipts during the year amounted to

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\$295.28, while the president of the W.A., Mrs. F. T. Thurston, reported that organization raising \$23.00.

Officers appointed for 1947 were as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. Pryce Jones; People's Warden, Mr. F. T. Thurston. The following were elected to the Vestry: Mesdames Thurston and Sanders, and Messrs. Smith, Targett, Parkes and Ted Thurston. Mr. Ted Thurston will continue to act as general secretary and Mr. Targett as financial secretary.

The meeting instructed that greetings be forwarded to the former rector, the Rev. L. A. Bralant, who is now at Hastings, England. An expression of thanks was extended to all those who in any way throughout the year had extended help to the W.A. and to the parish in general. The meeting closed with a dainty lunch served by the ladies.

RODINO

Since the last notes were written the weather has made it possible to hold services as scheduled, at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Beckett and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Daniel. A good turnout was present on each occasion and a lunch was served by the generous hosts.

The W.A. has met and arranged for an Easter Tea.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

THE REV. J. S. BELL

Proceedings of the March Vestry meeting included plans for the Spiritual Advance Visitation as soon as material comes to hand.

The church was well represented by the ladies of the congregation at the World Day of Prayer Service, Feb. 21st. Mrs. Maggs acted as organist for the service which was held in the Mission Covenant Church.

Several A.Y.P.A. members attended the Charade competition in All Saints' Parish Hall, Feb. 14th.

The A.Y.P.A. branch has donated \$10 to the Aid to China Fund.

The shingles have been purchased for the re-shingling of the rectory. Work will start as soon as the weather moderates. The last meeting of the A.Y.P.A. was held at the home of Joan Baker, when slides on Church history (Reformation Period) were shown.

The March meeting of the W.A. (afternoon group) was held at the home of Mrs. S. Cole, the president. \$25 was voted to the Aid to China Fund.

Reports of the Diocesan Synod were given at a meeting following Evensong on Feb. 23rd. Speakers were the delegates, Mr. G. Baker, Mr. T. Palfrey and the Rector. Mention was made of the appeal for the Cathedral Building Fund. It is hoped that we shall be able to help with this important project during the year.

On Wednesday, March 12th, the A.Y.P.A. held a "cleanup bee" at the parish hall. The kitchen and cupboards were given a thorough cleaning. Many Thanks!

Mr. John Johnson's Dutch bride and baby are being welcomed into the district on arrival by air from Holland. They have temporary quarters with another recent bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin (nee Shelia Johnson). Good wishes and every happiness are extended to both families.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckett, a daughter.

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we record the sudden passing of our old friend Charles Franklin Broughton, on February 28th, 1947. A beautiful and impressive service was held in St. Matthew's Church, the Rev. E. N. P. Orme officiating on February 27th. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to Mrs. Broughton, Charles Jr., and all relatives.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. James Milne, March 13th; thirteen members and three visitors were present. Arrangements were made for the Easter tea, home cooking and apron stall to be held Saturday, April 5th, in the parish hall. A letter was read from Tofield, thanking the members for their generous donation towards expenses of their vicarage. \$100.00 was donated to the wardens for Church expenses in Viking.

Baptisms: March 6th, Wetaskiwin hospital, Franklin James Colleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Colleton, Falun.

CAMROSE

CANON A. WALLIS

We were interested in the reports brought back from the Annual Meeting

and enjoyed listening to them. Mrs. Murrant and Mrs. Burrows, each with a different emphasis, touched on all the sessions. Mrs. Campbell, as Dorcas secretary, concentrated on that phase of the work and thoroughly enjoyed the whole convention.

In a letter from England came this sentence: "We are hoping for better times—hope, at least, is unrationed." With this in mind, we are hoping for a new organ for our new church.

The "faithful few" have been coming to the Lenten services, they worship, they work, they pray, they "get together" whenever anything needs doing, and enjoy it.

Baptisms: Verna Margaret Lomas; Patrician Grace Lomas.

"Just as I am, young and strong and free,

To be the best that I can be,
For truth and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come."

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

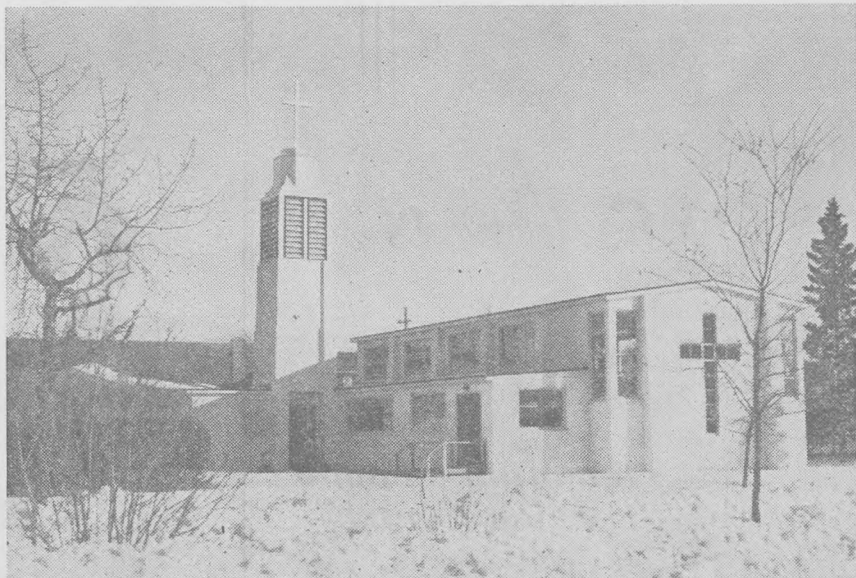
The World Day of Prayer Service, February 21st, was held in the church at 2.30 p.m., Mrs. J. G. Baker acting as leader. Following the service there was a W.A. meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Butcher. Reports of the W.A. Annual Meeting were given and the reading of the study book continued.

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ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

THE REV. S. J. BELL

The annual meeting of St. John's was held on Jan. 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hoskins. Owing to the drifted roads and cold the attendance was not as large as hoped for. Reports presented showed all obligations had been met for the year. Mr. J. M. Clarke was re-elected as Rector's Warden and E. R. Hoskins elected by acclamation as People's Warden. All members of the Vestry were elected by acclamation, with the addition of Mrs. H. Gardiner. Mr. Clarke was appointed lay delegate. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by three of the ladies.

Owing to the January and February storms the annual meeting of the Guild had to be postponed. We hope to meet the last of March.

Holy Baptism: William Earle Heslop.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

Services: 8:30 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sundays); 11 a.m., Matins and Sermon (1st and 3rd Sun.); 7:30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

As preachers at the Lenten services we have been very glad to welcome the Rev. L. M. Watts, the Rev. Canon A. Wallis, our Rural Dean; the Rev. R. S. Faulks, and the Rev. S. J. Bell. The Rev. W. E. Harrison was unfortunately prevented by illness from coming.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. is now well under way and meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings. At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. D. B. Howell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. H. Jensen; Sec.-Treas., Miss Ivy Hickmore; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. D. Campbell; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Peake.

An effort is being made to clear the remaining debt on the vicarage this year and to that end an appeal will be made at Easter. We hope that all friends of St. Mary's, whether resident in the parish or not, will assist us in this cause. Mr. B. S. Scott has been appointed sec.-treasurer of the rectory committee and will be pleased to receive donations.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSES

The results of a G.B.R.E. Teacher Training Course, conducted by the Rev. F. A. Peake, at Ponoka, have just come to hand and are as follows:

Old Testament—Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. N. Eastes (United Church), Mrs. E. McMahon, Mrs. A. L. Stretch, Mrs. C. H. Peake.

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ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ

1. The sacrament of the Holy Communion. (Matthew 26.)
2. Judas. (Mark 14: 44, 45.)
3. Peter. (Mark 14: 66-72.)
4. Pilate. (John 18: 38.)
5. Simon, a Cyrenian. (Luke 23: 26.)
6. Two. (Luke 23: 33.)
7. Six hours; from "the third hour" (Mark 15: 25), to "the ninth hour" (Mark 15: 33-37).
8. With a great stone. (Mark 15: 46; Matthew 27: 60.)
9. The Resurrection of our Lord.
10. Traditionally, it is supposed that they were in the "Upper Room" where previously the "Lord's Supper" was instituted. (John 20: 19.)

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